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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT US-SCANDINAVIAN COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED FOLLOWING FINAL SESSION CURRENT US-SCANDINAVIAN
CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS NOVEMBER 18-22:

"AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES, REPRESENTATIVES OF
GOVERNMENTS FROM THE COUNTRIES OF DENMARK, NORWAY AND
SWEDEN MET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATIONS WAS TO DISCUSS THE BALANCE
OF BENEFITS DERIVED UNDER THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS AS
AMENDED AND THE CAPACITY OPERATED BETWEEN SCANDINAVIA
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AND THE UNITED STATES. THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENTS TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF THE SCANDINAVIAN-US MARKET TO THE US-EUROPEAN MARKETS.

"BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED THAT THE EFFECTS OF RISING COSTS AND DECLINING TRAFFIC ACROSS THE NORTH ATLANTIC HAD LED TO SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES FOR INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF ITS INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS AND IS TAKING STEPS TO ACHIEVE A MORE EQUITABLE COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR THOSE CARRIERS. BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED THE

NECESSITY TO CONSERVE FUEL, TO AVOID UNPROFITABLE OR INEFFICIENT OPERATIONS, AND TO WATCH BILATERAL MARKET CONDITIONS CLOSELY. WITH RESPECT TO THE CAPACITY OPERATED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SCANDINAVIA, BOTH SIDES ALSO RECOGNIZED THE DESIRABILITY OF PROVIDING LEVELS OF SERVICE CONSISTENT WITH THE NEEDS OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC AND OF ACHIEVING AN APPROPRIATE BALANCE OF BENEFITS.

"TAKING ALL OF THESE FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR THE CARRIERS TO ADJUST THEIR OPERATIONS ACCORDINGLY. IT WAS NOTED THAT SAS HAS TO DATE CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1974 18 PERCENT BELOW THE LEVEL OF OPERATIONS IN THE SIMILAR PERIOD IN 1973. PAN AM HAD MADE REDUCTIONS ON THE ORDER OF 40 PERCENT IN ITS SCANDINAVIAN SERVICES FROM 1973 TO 1974.

"THE DELEGATIONS NOTED THAT SAS IN 1975 PLANNED TO OPERATE A CAPACITY BELOW THAT OF 1973 AND THAT PAN AM HAS STATED IT WOULD CONSIDER MAKING APPROPRIATE INCREASES IN ITS CAPACITY BETWEEN THE US AND SCANDINAVIA IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL REDUCTION IN CAPACITY FROM 1974 LEVELS BETWEEN THE US AND SCANDINAVIA. THE DELEGATIONS AGREED TO RECESS THE CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF A POLICY OF CAPACITY REDUCTION, TO AUTHORIZE INTER-CARRIER TALKS TO TAKE PLACE TO ASSESS THE TRAFFIC DEMANDS AND TO DISCUSS APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO CAPACITY BETWEEN THE US AND SCANDINAVIA TAKING INTO ACCOUNT RELEVANT MATERIAL FROM THE GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS, AND TO RE-CONVENE THESE CONSULTATIONS THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 1974."

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